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(bydroxymethylphosphinyl)-butyric acid (L-AMPB) is

now provided, in which (hydroxymethylphosphinyl)-2-oxo-butyric

4acid

Process for the production of L-2-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl-phosphinyl)-butyric acid.

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(OMPB) is treated with one or more transaminases or with one or more microorganisms capable of producing the transaminase, in the presence of one or more amino-donor compounds such as $\alpha\text{-amino}$ acids. According to this process, the optically active L-AMPB useful as herbicidal agent can be produced efficiently in a facile way for a reasonable reaction time.



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